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From: Larry Clemens, Chair-State Soil Conservation Board

Subj: 2013 Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Watershed Grant Program

Date: July 25, 2012

On behalf of the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), I'm pleased to inform you we are launching our 2013 CWI Watershed Grant Program today. The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) has voted to utilize Clean Water Indiana Grant Program funds to support competitive proposals for multi-district, multi-year watershed projects which address the state priorities in the State Soil Conservation Board's (SSCB's) Business Plan adopted in 2010 (and updated in 2012) identified as follows:

**Soil Quality Degradation** which includes the loss of top soil due to erosion, the depletion of organic matter, as well as soil compaction and other soil biology impacts that degrade soil quality. **Water Quality Impairments** including sediment, nutrients, and/or pesticides.

**Eligible Applicants:** SWCDs **must** partner with at least one other district and are encouraged to partner with other organizations. The multi-district, watershed-based application may be submitted by any SWCD in the State of Indiana; however, those districts that are currently serving as the lead district for an active CWI funded watershed project cannot apply to serve as the lead district for this round of grant funding. Only one application is permitted per project and must be submitted by the designated lead SWCD.

**Application Process:** Application forms are available through your District Support Specialist. These forms shall be completed and submitted back to the District Support Specialist as an email attachment. Please work closely with your District Support Specialists throughout the application process.

**Application Deadline:** The application must be submitted to your District Support Specialist, as an e-mail attachment, by 4PM on September 28, 2012. The application **must** be approved by the chairman of each participating district.

We have attached a copy of the 2013 CWI Watershed Grant Guidelines which further details the scope of the grant opportunity as well as the 2013 CWI Watershed Grant Application Form. These documents are also available from your District Support Specialist. Please carefully review the 2013 CWI Watershed Grant Guidelines with your board(s) before completing the grant application.

We look forward to receiving your grant application.

Larry Clemens

Chairman

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